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For:                      Multi-Layer Sliding Part and a Method for Its  
                                    Manufacture

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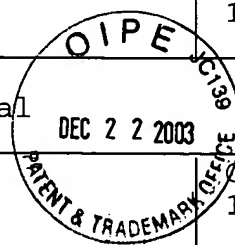
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